



Elmhurst Junior School

UNIFORM POLICY

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Background

The Department of Education has issued guidance to schools on 'School Uniform Policy' which allows us to update and remind parents and pupils of our own 'Policy'. [School uniforms: guidance for schools - GOV.UK](#)

Importance of School Uniform

At Elmhurst junior school we realise that school uniform can play a valuable role in the life of a school by:

- ❖ Setting an appropriate tone.
- ❖ Instilling pride.
- ❖ Supporting positive behaviour and discipline.
- ❖ Encouraging identity with, and support for, the 'School Ethos'.
- ❖ Protecting children and parents from social pressures to dress in a particular way.

There is no doubt that the wearing of a school uniform very much supports effective teaching and learning.

Our Policy

We want to ensure that our 'School Uniform Policy' is **fair and reasonable** in practical and financial terms.

We want our uniform to be comfortable, appropriate and represent value for money for our families.

Our uniform may be bought from our nominated supplier through their online site ([ambitionsport.com](#)). Embroidered sweatshirts are available but non embroidered sweatshirts may also be worn.

We will of course be flexible on our uniform policy, e.g. during periods of extreme weather.

We will also consider any request for an exception to be made for any individual pupil on the grounds of religion, race, SEND or a medical condition

[Clothing for special needs | The Good Schools Guide](#)

Where a pupil is NOT adhering to the school uniform policy, we will work with families to resolve problems that might be preventing a child doing so.

If there is a need to layer up due to a cold spell, then it should be a short sleeved white/ blue/ black vest under the polo shirt. In extreme cold snaps then long sleeved vests are acceptable

Uniform List:

We have a non-gender specific school uniform:

General	PE
✓ Black shoes or flat boots* ✓ Black/grey/white socks ✓ White/black/grey tights ✓ White/navy polo Shirt ✓ Grey/black trousers (not leggings) ✓ Grey/black knee length shorts ✓ Grey/black skirt/pinafore ✓ Navy sweatshirt or cardigan ✓ Blue/white checked summer dress ✓ Waterproof jacket/coat with hood** Pupils should not just wear leggings as their trousers as some materials are not robust enough. Leggings may be worn under skirts as an alternative to tights	✓ Black gym shoes or trainers that must be kept in school for use in hall only. ✓ Plain white 'T' shirt or coloured for house (red/green/blue/yellow) ✓ Black, dark grey or navy shorts ✓ Black, dark grey or navy sports leggings or jogging bottoms for colder weather ✓ Outdoor trainers for sports ✓ A black or navy warm hoodie or sports top for outdoor weather
Long hair should be kept tied back from the face where possible.	

Suppliers: Please check at the school office for updated supplier details

<http://www.swschoolwear.co.uk/> <https://shipshape.online/elmhurst-primary-school.html>

Most local supermarkets or high street stores stock non- logo Elmhurst uniform

In compliance with DFE guidance: *Schools must also comply with the limit on the number of compulsory branded items of uniform and PE kit that they can require. The limit is in the Education Act 1996 (as amended by the Children's Wellbeing and Schools Act 2026). It will come into force from 1 September 2026. The statutory guidance has more information.*

We do not expect students to wear uniforms with the school logo on but we do expect students to wear the correct coloured uniform.

Jewellery:

Jewellery should not be worn or brought into school. This includes bands, friendship bracelets, necklaces, rings etc.

If children have pierced ears, ONE pair of discreet studs may be worn. Our PE policy states that earrings must be removed for PE lessons for health and safety reasons.

Non-compliance with the uniform and appearance policy:

Parents of students who do not wear the correct uniform, may be contacted and requested to bring in a change of clothes for their child .

Naming clothes:

Please can you make sure your child's uniform is clearly marked so that we know what garment belongs to a pupil. It can be difficult with so many pupils to know exactly which navy blue jumper belongs to who if it isn't named.

Summary

Our 'Uniform Policy' has been drawn up to make it easier for you to explain when your child asks for 'bright pink boots for school' etc.

It also protects pupils from having to conform to a particular dress code associated with anti-social elements or latest fashion trends.

Above all, we wish to promote a school identity that supports high standards and provides a sense of belonging for pupils.

We feel the 'Uniform Policy' will promote harmony among everyone in the school.

We need your support on this important issue and don't forget, all uniforms look the same so please put your child's name on each item.